

# Congress of the United States

## Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

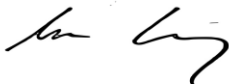
I am requesting funding for the Bear Creek Ranch Water Replenishment and Habitat Restoration Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Reclamation District 2092, located at 3559 Shiloh Road, Modesto, CA 95358.

The funding would be for the transformation of for native grasslands, multi-purpose wetlands, and forested habitats in Modesto. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will benefit groundwater supplies, enhance local flood protection, improve public health, and contribute habitat to an essential wildlife corridor in western Merced County.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Adam Gray  
Member of Congress